



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-3

June 1, 2000

Kinde Durkee, Treasurer
Hispanic Unity USA
601 S Glenoaks Boulevard, #208
Burbank, CA 91502

Identification Number: C00345124

Reference: Year End (7/1/99-12/31/99) and 12 Day Pre-Primary (1/1/00-2/16/00)
Reports

Dear Ms. Durkee:

This letter is to inform you that as of May 31, 2000 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated May 10, 2000. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by June 21, 2000. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Andrew J. Dodson on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosures



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Identification Number: C00345124

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/99-12/31/99)

Dear Ms. Durkee:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Any such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year must be disclosed on Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5) If these expenses are being paid by a connected organization, your Statement of Organization must be amended to reflect this relationship. 2 U.S.C. §433(b)(2) In addition, if expenses have been incurred but not paid in a reporting period, the activity should be disclosed as a debt on Schedule D, if the obligation is \$500 or more, or outstanding for sixty days or more. 11 CFR §104.11

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please verify that all expenses referenced above (i.e., rent, salaries, utilities, etc.) have been adequately disclosed. If these services have been provided by volunteers, please confirm this in writing.

-Line 6(a) of the Summary Page represents the total cash-on-hand as of January 1, 1999. This figure should be the same on all the reports covering the calendar year. Please amend your report to clarify the change made in Line 6(a).

-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(c), 11(d), 19, 20 and 30, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portions attached) discloses an apparent contribution(s) from a labor organization. 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from labor organizations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the labor organization.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have received a contribution(s) from labor organizations, your committee must transfer-out the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the full amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all transfers-out and refunds should be made within thirty days of the treasurer's receipt of the impermissible funds. In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

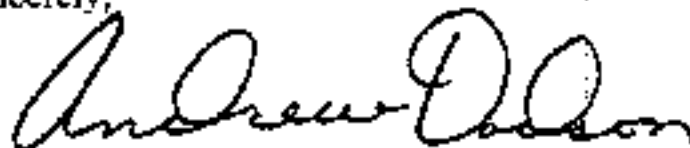
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought including state and congressional district, if applicable, for each contribution made to a federal candidate or political committee. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Andrew J. Dodson
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS
Other Political Committees (PACS)

Use separate schedule(s)
 for each category of the
 Detailed Summary Page

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 FOR LINE NUMBER
11(c)

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)		C00145124	
Hispanic Unity USA			
Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code	Name of Employer	Date	Amount of Each
Election Type	Occupation	(Month/Day/Year)	Receipt This Period
Cement Masons Local Union No. 52			
PO Box 6497			
Santa Ana, CA 92706		9/02/1999	\$500.00
Receipt For:		Aggregate Year-to-date>	\$500.00
Sheet Metal Workers' International			
Association Political Action League			
1750 New York Ave, N W		9/02/1999	\$2,500.00
Washington, DC 20006			
Receipt For:		Aggregate Year-to-date>	\$2,500.00
SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)			\$3,000.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)			